

Weekly Bulletin

April 2-8, 2017



First Unitarian Universalist Church of Nashville

A Welcoming Congregation

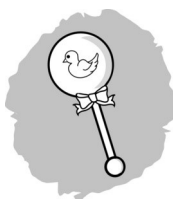
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CREATE COMMUNITY

Photo Directory Pick Up: You've been waiting for it and it's finally here! Each person/family who sat for their photo will receive a new photo directory. They will be available for pick up between services in the Social Hall during the month of April.

New Member Signing Ceremony: Please join us **April 23** at both services to welcome our new members.

Are you expecting? If you are expecting a new little blessing in your family whether through birth or adoption, we would love to hear about it! Please contact the church office at office@theFUUN.org with the names of the expecting parents and the due date.



Men's Group meets Sunday, April 2, 6-8 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Mark Campbell proposed a topic for discussion. In his words:

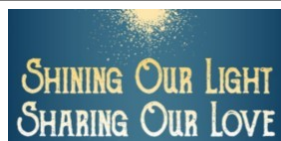
Let's discuss FEAR. When I was in high school one of my teachers taunted the class by saying "Everything you do, think or say is based on fear." We argued and parried and the bottom line was it was provocative. A number of years ago in my former church in a small group ministry, we discussed fear and the response was moving. We can discuss our personal fears & how they motivate or stifle us. How does fear play into our religion? And, of course, some politicians use fear to manipulate.

Come talk with us about these or other thoughts about fear in your life or in the world around you. You are welcome to bring something to eat and/or drink, or not. All FUUN men are welcome. -**Charlie Akers**

Join us on Wednesdays Nights for dinner, 6 p.m. in the Social Hall. For all but the fourth week of the month, the meal is catered by FUUN's own Ken Fagan or Gene Dixon. Those who attend will engage in good fellowship and a tasty meal. Our chefs also provide vegetarian and a gluten-free options. The **fourth Wednesdays** are potluck. Bring a favorite dish to share. Beverages are provided. The catered meals are \$8 for an adult, \$5 for children. Families are encouraged to attend, and will pay a reduced fee depending on family size. We have approximately 30-35 people who regularly attend our dinners so come join us! Questions? Email wnd@thefuun.org.

NURTURE SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Stewardship Campaign for 2017-18 fiscal year ends today, Sunday, April 2



1st: Thank you to all who have pledged so far!



2nd: Raffle Winners! Congratulations to **Suzanne LeBeau** for winning 10 nights at **Gail and Jim Seavey's** "retirement" home in the historic fishing village of Gloucester, MA. And to **Phil Thomason** who won 5 nights in awesome New Orleans at Rob Connor's Airbnb. Thank you Gail, Jim, and Rob!!! One more raffle to go- a wonderful gift certificate to one of Nashville's great restaurants. To get a raffle ticket, all you have to do is pledge by Sunday at 10:40 a.m. (live raffle at 10:45 a.m.).

3rd: Some stats. As of March 27, we have received pledges totaling \$343,523. **At this point, we have not yet heard from 202 members- that's two-thirds of our members.** And you are needed. We are self-sustaining and need to build the budget for next year, so please send in your pledge- by mail, online, or at the stewardship table on Sunday in the social hall. The only pledge that's too small is no pledge at all.

We still need to raise \$256,477 which is 43% of what we need to meet our goal for this year. It takes a lot to run a church. Sunday, April 2 is the closing day of the campaign. Join us!

Please, support OUR church. It wouldn't be FUUN without you!

Thank you,
The Stewardship Committee

Pledge in the social hall today or fill out the online pledge form at thefuun.org/online-pledge/.

Our Whole Lives (or OWL) lifespan sexuality education program for K-1st grade and 4th-5th grade originally scheduled for this Spring has been delayed until Fall 2017. For details, please see thefuun.org/k-1-4-5-delayed/.

Passover Seder 2017, Friday April 14:



The Passover Seder, an ancient Jewish tradition, is both a service and a meal, commemorating Freedom, Spring, and Re-birth. The cost is \$20 per adult, \$10 for youth under 12 years, nuclear family max \$55. Dinner at 7 p.m. has veggie and meat options. Tickets sold after services March 26, and April 2 and 9 or thru the office. Please register early! Questions? Contact FUUN member Ann Morse at [seder@thefuun.org](mailto: seder@thefuun.org).

Faith Development Offerings:: See thefuun.org/faith-development-offerings/ for details on Covenant Groups, Nonviolent Communication Practice Group sessions and details for the current Faith Development class offerings.

FUUN Faith Development Classes at a Glance

<u>Date, Day</u>	<u>Class</u>
April 9, Sunday	Listening Circle
April 12, Wednesday	Thinking of traveling to Cuba?!
April 12, Wednesday	Herb Fair Class: Marbled Botanical Bookmarks



FUUN Spring Clean-Up Day will be Saturday April 29, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. All are invited to join in sprucing up our space. We'll be painting, cleaning windows, deep cleaning and working on the grounds. Lunch will be provided at noon, so please sign up in the social hall beforehand if you can, but walk-ups are always welcome. Many hands make for quick work! For more info contact **Chris Wood**, operations@thefuun.org.

Pink Moon Drum Circle is Friday April 7, 7-11 p.m. Morgan House (open to all, no registration required): The Pink Moon is a time of being patient and present with delicate things.

In the spring, pink is a transient miracle of a color. It unfolds into new and delicate wonder, inviting us to slow down and come more fully into the present in order to appreciate it in real time. Our work with the pink moon will be about cultivating beauty in the moment, even if that means merely holding still and waiting for it to alight upon us.



Bring a potluck snack to share. This is a child-friendly event! Gather/set up/warm up begins at 7 p.m. drumming officially begins after our (short and prompt) 8 p.m. circle. The circling up portion is optional; please participate at your own level of comfort.



Rituals for Daily Life: First and Third Thursdays (April 6 and 20) 7-8:30 p.m., Thoreau Rm Distress happens. It can wrap us up and leave us feeling tangled. Other times, the universe or our subconscious mind sends us flashing neon signs. Maybe we can read them, and maybe they are written in "Greek." Bring what is on your mind/heart and together we will work on creating ease, clarity, and mutual support. No pagan beliefs required. This is an open group that welcomes all adults. Childcare is available.

-Chelsea Henry, Chair, Chalice Fire

Listening Circle: Sunday, April 9, 10:30 a.m.-noon, Fireside Room (main building): Many of us are feeling distressed right now with additional fear, anger, grief, and worry lying heavy on our hearts. This circle is an intentional and covenantal space to acknowledge this distress, give voice to it, and to feel heard.

Facilitated by **Chelsea Henry**, former Covenant Group facilitator, this is a small group ministry like Covenant Groups and NVC Practice Groups *except* that there is no long-term commitment. Simply drop in when you feel the need or desire. If attendance warrants, it will become a regular part of the Faith Development schedule on 2nd and 4th Sundays.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Volunteer initiative: In order to streamline volunteer opportunities, we are asking all committee chairs to email immediate volunteer opportunities to volunteer@thefuun.org or fill out the online form at www.thefuun.org/volunteer-support/.

The Director of Communication is building teams to assist (in small, flexible bites of time) with FUUN communication. Teams will be created to help with graphics/photography, social media, a brochure project, TV monitor slide creation, bulletin board monitoring/design, indoor signage, website up-keep, live-streaming our services, and our newest project - our FUUN TV station/podcast. If any area of communication interests you, please email **Sheri DiGiovanna**, Director of Communication at DirCommunication@thefuun.org to brainstorm a fulfilling role for you.



The 2017 Herb & Craft Fair –All Hands on Deck! The Herb & Fair is April 22, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The success of this exciting spring fundraiser depends on the help of many volunteers. There are so many different ways you can give your time to make this event (in its ninth year!) another big hit. The Herb & Craft Fair committee has a recruitment table in the social area after each service, where you can ask questions, find out about the various volunteer opportunities and sign up. What a great way to be a part of this community and to celebrate spring! Also, remember that the Herb & Craft Fair is asking for donations of native plants from your garden and old yard signs to be re-purposed for parking/direction signage. These donations may be left on the back patio outside the social hall.

ACT ON OUR VALUES

Virginia Grantham Service Award nominations due May 26

The award(s) will be presented at the Congregational Annual Meeting, June 2017. The Virginia Grantham Service Award was established in 2005 to honor individuals whose volunteer contributions to the church during the year have been exemplary. The name of the award stands as a tribute to Virginia Grantham. A longtime leader of the Caring Committee, her service to FUUN has also included thousands of hours devoted to FUUN's preschool children. In the wider community, she has been extensively involved with organizations such as Family and Children Services, Alive Hospice, and the UN Association.

The award is presented at the annual congregational meetings and past recipients include:

- 2005 – **Jace Burch, Ken Fagan, Sara Rivers**
- 2006 – **Charlie Almquist, Richard Bird, Pat Lynch**
- 2007 – **Anna Belle Leiserson, Liz Schneider**
- 2008 – **June Dye, Sara Plummer**
- 2009 – **Lisa Pasto-Crosby, Michael Roberson, Ibba Surface**
- 2010 – **Nancy Ransom**
- 2011 – **Mike Bolds, Shari Tisch**
- 2012 – **Doug Pasto-Crosby, Allison Thompson**
- 2013 – **Carol Bapty, Bob Day, Hal Potts**
- 2014 – **Joanna Carnahan, Greg Easterly, Jim Seavey**
- 2015 – **Carleen Dowell, Kathy Sowell**
- 2016 – **Nikki Moore, Jennifer Hall**

You are invited to nominate qualified members of the FUUN for this year's Virginia Grantham Service Award. A committee drawn from current board members, past award winners, and the professional staff will review all nominations that are received by May 26. They will determine which nominee(s), if any, will receive the award. Nomination forms are available from Mary Lindsay, church office administrator, or you may fill out the online form below. Please submit completed forms to **Rev. Gail Seavey**, Board President **Vicky Tataryn**, or Mary Lindsay, church office administrator.

thefuun.org/virginia-grantham-award/ to fill out the form online.

The Trans Affirming Collective is a group of trans and gender expansive people and allies who come together to help FUUN affirm community members of all gender identities. We envision a future where transgender and gender expansive people will feel comfortable being themselves on our campus. We meet monthly, on **second Wednesday evenings, (April 12)**, 7-8:30 p.m. If you are interested in learning more, please contact us at trans@thefuun.org.

-Mary Early-Zald, Holling Smith-Borne, and Josh Robern

Meet the Candidate: The Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray, FUUN intern 2001-02, is one of three candidates for president of our Unitarian Universalist Association. She will be here **Wednesday, April 5** and join us for Wednesday night dinner. Then at 6:30 p.m., she'll meet with all who'd like to spend some time with her to learn more about her campaign and plans. Room TBA.



The Mid-South District Annual Assembly scheduled for April 7-8 has been cancelled due to low registration. We will still show the live streaming of the UUA Presidential Candidates Forum at 10 a.m. in the social hall. Come join us so you can give informed feedback to the delegates for the General Assembly in June. Refreshments will be served.



Our favorite dining out event is coming up soon. Dining Out For Life is Tuesday, April 18, and we're planning a FUUN gathering for dinner around 6 p.m. at Table 3 in Green Hills next to the Regal Cinema. For details, see <http://www.thefuun.org/dofl-2017/>. If you have any questions, see **Scott Weaver, Victoria Harris or Richard Bird**, or contact us at DOFL@firstuunashville.org.

Save the date: The First Unitarian Universalist Church of Nashville invites you to celebrate with us as we ordain Meghann Teresa Robern into the Unitarian Universalist ministry **Sunday, June 11** at 4:30 p.m.

Saving paper: We encourage each household to take home a copy of our Weekly Bulletin. If you attend the first service, we have placed a basket at the back of the sanctuary for you to place *extra* copies to be reused for the second service. You may also find this and past copies of this bulletin on our website at thefuun.org/bulletin/. They are posted on Fridays.

BROADER WORLD INVITATIONS

FUUN GA delegates wanted: There are still a couple slots for delegates to represent FUUN at General Assembly **June 21-25**. Delegates may be either on-site at the New Orleans convention center or off-site in their home with a computer. If you're interested, contact **Bruce Baker** or **Gail Sphar** at cflf@thefuun.org for more information.



UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Take in New Orleans and General Assembly: What a combination! New Orleans and the UU General Assembly. Registration is now open for our annual national celebration of Unitarian Universalism with workshops, music, worship, service projects and our democratic processes. GA begins **Wednesday evening, June 21** and concludes **Sunday, June 25**. You can find all the details at <http://www.uua.org/ga>.

The combined FUUN and All Souls Washington, DC choirs will be performing *The Ruby Bridges Suite* on **June 22**. This will honor the first African American to attend a white public school in the South, an event that took place in New Orleans. Buddy up on rides and housing and delve deeper into our faith tradition. It'll be an experience you won't forget.



The Spring 2017 UUWomenspirit event is pleased to announce that registration is now open. See thefuun.org/uuwomenspirit-may-2017/ for more information.